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Mr. Paul Steger  
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Dear Mr. Steger:

Attached please find a Reissue Declaration regarding U.S. Pat. No. 5, 925, 805. We would like to attempt to broaden the rights originally claimed in the patent, and it is necessary to have you sign the Declaration.

Once the Declaration has been signed, please return the original copy to Greg Howison, Esq., Thompson & Howison, L.L.P., High Point Centre, 12225 Greenville Avenue., Suite 995, Dallas, Texas 75243.

If you have any questions, please call Greg Howison at 972-680-6050. Mr. Howison is the attorney who will be handling the patent prosecution. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



William S. Leftwich  
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Enclosure

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Paul Steger  
For: AUTOMATED CHECK VERIFICATION AND TRACKING SYSTEM  
Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,925,865  
Issued: July 20, 1999

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
*BOX REISSUE*  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REISSUE DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Paul Steger, declare that:

My residence, Post Office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I am the Paul Steger who was the applicant for U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 08/863,731 filed May 27, 1997, which issued as U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,925,865 on July 20, 1999.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in Letters Patent 5,925,865, granted on July 20, 1999, and for which invention I solicit a Reissue Patent on the invention entitled AUTOMATIC CHECK VERIFICATION AND TRACKING SYSTEM, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I have assigned the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,925,865 as well as the U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,594,226 issued January 14, 1997; to DCCP, INC., a corporation of the State of Delaware, as evidenced by the Assignment document executed on March 24, 2000 and recorded in the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office at reel 010766 and frame 0602 on May 1, 2000.

## Acknowledgment of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification for reissue, including the original patent claims and the newly added claims presented in the Reissue Application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

### Claim of Priority

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of the United States applications/patents identified as:

- a) U.S. Serial No. 08/863,731 filed May 27, 1997;
- b) U.S. Serial No. 08/679,276 filed July 12, 1996;
- c) U.S. Serial No. 08/523,646 filed September 5, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,594,226; and
- d) U.S. Serial No. 08/273,372 filed July 11, 1994.

### Statement of Inoperativeness

I believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative by reason of the patentee claiming less than the patentee had a right to claim in the original patent.

The error arose because of my failure, and the failure of my patent attorney, to appreciate the full scope of the invention. As a result, claims covering the broader aspect of my invention were not included in the application for the original patent, nor in any amendment thereto.

I declare that all errors which are being corrected in this Reissue Application up to the time of filing of this declaration, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

**Power of Attorney**

I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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of the firm HOWISON, CHAUZA, THOMA, HANDLEY & ARNOTT, L.L.P., my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation.

Please send all correspondence in connection with this Reissue Application and any continuations thereof, to:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any reissue patent issued thereon.

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